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RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposits Accounts at the rate  
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily  
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On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,  
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chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1877.

## Notices of FIRMS.

NOTICE.  
MR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a  
Partner in our Firm on the 31st of  
July, 1876.

SAYLE & CO.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

M. EDWARD BURKE will conduct the  
business of my office, during my  
Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,  
Surveyor to Local Offices,  
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ap18

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for  
the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSO-  
CIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November,  
1876, and until further notice, the  
BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-  
SARY will be carried on by the Under-  
signed.

WM. CRUCKSHANK,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A  
CARRIAGE, HARNESS, & 2 PONIES,  
THE PROPERTY OF A. SLENKIDEW, Esq.,  
CONSUL FOR FRANCE.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to sell by Public Auction, on  
THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his  
Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

One 4-wheeled Victoria PHAETON,  
for One or Two Ponies. Bail Aine,  
Paris, Builder.

One Pair Grey North China PONIES,  
with Silver Mounted Harness.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All  
lots, with all faults and errors of descrip-  
tion, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the  
hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap20

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.  
have received instructions to sell  
by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,  
ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private  
Sale),

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND,  
situate in Queen's Road East, Registered  
in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54,  
comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring  
from North to South 100 feet, and from  
East to West 100 feet, with a substantial  
Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses  
built thereon, known as "Carlton House."  
Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND,  
situate in Queen's Road East, Registered  
in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768,  
comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring  
from North to South 150 feet, and from  
East to West 40 feet, with a substantial  
Brick Godown built thereon.

Also,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled  
GROUND, attached to the above Lot,  
and Registered in Land Office as same  
Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000  
square feet, measuring from North to  
South 150 feet, and from East to West  
40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$155.08  
for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase  
money to be paid on the fall of the ham-  
mer, and the remainder on completion of  
the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings  
will be at purchaser's risk after the fall  
of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 18, 1877. ap12

## Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STRAMBOAT COMPANY.  
LIMITED.

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY Next, the  
16th Instant, the Steamer *POWAN*  
will Run as a Night Boat between HONG-  
KONG and CANTON, leaving HONGKONG  
on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at  
5.30 p.m., and Canton on Tuesdays, Thurs-  
days, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

## WANTED.

COME Active Intelligent Men as TURN-  
KEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary  
commencing at \$40 per Month, with  
Quarters and Uniform.

Applications to be made to the Acting  
Superintendent of the Gaol.

VICTORIA GAOL,  
Hongkong, March 23, 1877. ap30

## GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TO Expedite the Delivery of Telegrams,  
this Company's London Station has  
been connected by Pneumatic Tubes with the  
following Post Office Telegraph Stations:—  
LOTHbury—Founder's Court.  
No. 27, Cornhill.  
No. 55, Threadneedle Street.  
The Baltic.  
Gresham House.  
No. 150, Leadenhall Street.  
No. 42, Fenchurch Street.  
No. 76, Lower Thames Street.  
Mark Lane.  
No. 8, Eastcheap.  
No. 101, Cannon Street.  
St. Martin's Old General Post Office.  
New General Post Office.  
Ludgate Circus.  
Temple Bar.  
West Strand.

Instead of going through the General Post  
Office, Messages will be distributed at once  
by the Company's own Messengers, unless  
they can be inbed more quickly through the  
above-mentioned Stations.

GEORGE J. HELLIAND,  
General Agent.  
Shanghai, March 16, 1877. ap30

ERNEST WASSELL & CO.,  
PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE this Day established myself as  
PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of  
Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the  
Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG  
PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSELL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

## Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & CO.'S  
CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.  
The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,  
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Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*,  
in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S  
"EXTRA SEC." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ap5

## THE MEDICAL HALL.

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

## Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

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38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETRES,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately

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All Repairs in the above line done at

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Hongkong, May 1, 1876. ap1

## NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been  
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China and Japan, for

JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON,

Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACES,

Embroidery, &c., and Military and

Naval Appointments of every

Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand

for the Regiments stationed here,

as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN  
NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

## NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the

AGENTS or OWNERS of the Ameri-  
can Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be

RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted

by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877. ap1

## NOTICE.

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## For Sale.

## NOW READY.

**F**ENG-SHUI; or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

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Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

## FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

A STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, either NINGPO or TIENSIN. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of:

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretchier 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbins, &c., with Shafting and Belting Complete.

For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to

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Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR NINGPO &amp; SHANGHAI.

The Steamship  
"CHINA,"  
Capt. P. H. HENNING, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship  
"ESMERALDA,"  
Capt. THERIARD, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

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Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

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## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Rosario & Co.

FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Schwer.—Meichers & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ROSKA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PANOZA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lumb.—Landsteiner & Co.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Tozer.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

WINDERMERE, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Meyer & Co.

IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Werter—Order.

ROSETTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 28, Marquis of Argyll, British barque, 506, Wm. McNair, Saigon March 18, General.—CHINESE.

March 28, H.M.S. Hornet, from Canton.

March 28, St. Anne, French brig, from Whampoa.

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## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 28, Douglas, for Coast Ports.

28, Khiva, for Shanghai.

28, Viscount MacDuff, for Whampoa.

## OLEARED.

Antenor, for Shanghai.

Glory, for Bangkok.

Cyphene, for Saigon.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Chefoo, from Tientsin, &c., 146 Chinese.

Per Norseman, from Bangkok, 8 Chinese.

Per Cheang Hock Kian, from Penang, &c., 250 Chinese.

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Per Douglas, for Amoy, Mr. Courteau, for Foochow, Lieut. Farmer, and Mr. Slade; for Shanghai via Foochow, Mr. Caldecott; for Coast Ports, 200 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Kashgar, for Southampton, Miss Wilkinson.

Per Glory, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Cyphene, for Saigon, 100 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque Marquis of Argyll reports: First part strong N.E. monsoon, latter part light S.E. and Easterly winds.

The British steamer Chefoo reports: Strong N.E. gale, overcast dull rainy weather.

The Steamer ship Norseman, reports: The first 20 days, calms, from Feb. 18th, end of the month strong monsoon. Had a strong gale from N.N.E. to S.E. and then light N.E. winds to port.

The British steamer Cheang Hock Kian reports: Experienced light winds from Saigon to within 100 miles of Hongkong; then strong N.E. winds and heavy sea with thick weather to arrival.

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The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

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## FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED BY FRENCH MAIL  
"François I."

ONE YOUNG PANTHER, only six months old, as quiet as a cat. Apply, on Board, to the CAPTAIN, Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

Per Kashgar, for London, 546 bales Raw Silk, 12 cases Silk Place Goods, 19 bales Porpoise, 118 half-chests and 18 pugs Tea, and 968 pkgs Sundries. For Continent 106 bales Raw Silk, 1 bale Ponjean, and 112 pugs Sundries. For New York, 17 bales Raw Silk. For Boston, 655 half-chests Tea. For India, about 800 pkgs Silk, and 600 pkgs Tea.

Per American ship Suffrage, Hongkong to San Francisco, sailed 20th March, 1877.

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house. The prosecutrix had saved \$30, and this she gave to her mistress in order to purchase her freedom. The 1st defendant suggested to her to get some employment; whereupon she replied that she was looking for employment. The 1st defendant then took her to Canton on the 22nd instant, in company with a man who was said to be the 1st defendant's husband. The next day the 1st defendant said she was coming to Hongkong to look for employment for her and left her in charge of the man said to be the 1st defendant's husband. On the 26th instant, the man told her that she had better come to Hongkong where she would get \$6 or \$8 a month. On the 26th she came down with the man who paid the passage. At the steamer wharf, the 1st defendant was seen standing in company with the 2nd defendant. The 1st asked the 2nd to get a room for the prosecutrix, and she engaged lodgings for her in a house at Saipingpoon. Both defendants then left their lodgings, but on the 27th they came together and the 1st defendant told her to comb her hair, as a man would be coming to see her. She asked "why," and the 1st defendant replied that she was going to sell her for \$200. She refused and began to cry, when the land-lady of the house told her secretly that she could not be sold unless she liked. The land-lady then went out and fetched a policeman to the house. —The 1st defendant tried to make out in cross-examination that the prosecutrix was her husband's concubine, for whom he had paid \$90. This the prosecutrix positively denied, as also the assertion that she had run away from her liege lord. —After the examination of the land-lady and other witnesses, the case was remanded until the 4th April.

## OBSTRUCTION.

The case against Capt. Sands for causing an obstruction to the public thoroughfare at the Praya, came on again to-day. At the last hearing, it may be remembered, the defendant sent in a note stating that the obstruction complained of interfered in no wise with the public thoroughfare inasmuch as the space taken up was within the shear-legs. Sergeant Perry, however, stated to-day that on the morning of the 19th inst., when he passed by the Novelty Iron Works, he saw in the centre of the Praya a blacksmith's forge with a blazing fire and some men working at the forge, there being some repairs done to two boilers and several steamer's funnels on the road; a number of men were at work, and it appeared to the Sergeant that the forge was connected with the work. The Sergeant then spoke to Mr. Baillie about this obstruction, but when he passed again later on, he observed the same obstruction with the exception that the forge was removed closer to the Praya wall. The next day, however, the cause of complaint was all removed—Mr. Baillie appeared to represent the defendant and stated that it was not at all the desire of those connected with the establishment to cause any obstruction. They had much work in hand about that time, and he could not recollect what particular work was going on which required the use of the forge on the day spoken of by the Sergeant. He would, however, readily admit that if such a thing had been done, it would have been very objectionable. The boilers had been so far removed that they would not project beyond the shear-legs, and as the whole establishment was to be removed to Belcher's Bay, the cause of obstruction complained of would be removed too.—The Magistrate thought the justice of the case would be met by a fine of \$5.

## VIOLENTLY DRUNK.

John Leary, seaman U. S. S. Tennessee, was charged by P. C. Shere Sing with being drunk at d'Aiguer Street. He was knocking at people's doors, and when the Constable took him into custody, he resisted violently, so that the Constable had to sound his whistle, which brought Constable Clare to the scene. The defendant contended his violence and tore the latter policeman's coat. At last he was conveyed to the Station under the escort of four policemen. Fined \$2 and to pay 50 cents a week.

## BOBBY FROM A GRAVE.

This singular charge was heard yesterday by the Sitting Magistrate, the Hon. C. May, at some length, but from the brevity of the report which we published yesterday, the peculiar features of the case might not be correctly understood. The following, however, is a copious abstract of the voluminous evidence taken. It appears that an accomplice had "split" on his companion and both were charged, their names being Chun Ayow and Chun Fook Sun, a hawk and a barber respectively. Chinese Constable No. 295 stated that on the 22nd instant, while he was on duty near Wilmer Street, the 2nd defendant came up to him and said he knew of a good case and he would like to inform the Constable of the same. He then related the story of a man named Chun Angow whom he knew before, meeting him in the street and enlisting his confidence in an undertaking to rob a grave. He consented and proceeded to Mount Davis, the Chinese Burial Ground, but when he saw the hideous features of a female corpse in a coffin, his nerves failed him, and he ran home. The next day he met the man Chun Angow who told him the ornaments taken from the dead body had been pawned, and named the shops. Some days after the man Chun Angow gave him some ornaments to pawn, and he did so. He further stated that he could point out the grave and Chun Angow. The Constable asked him to accompany him to the Station to report to the Inspector, but the 2nd defendant requested the Constable to wait until the following day when he would show the place to the Constable. They met in pursuance to appointment and proceeded to the spot. Before reaching there, the approver pointed out some ash and part of a piece of red-cloth, which he said had been taken out of the coffin but which was thrown away and partially burnt by the 1st defendant because it had been wrapped round the body and emitted an odour. The approver then pointed out the grave further on, but it appeared to have been intact, having been chinked over and properly built up. The Constable, however, made enquiry among the undertakers and learnt from the Fook Sow shop that the grave belonged to one Wong Fook Chung, a partner in the Sang Yuen opium shop in Jeevoe Street, whose wife had recently died and was buried there. In this man's presence the 2nd defendant repeated the story he had made to the Constable. He was then taken to the West Point Station, and policemen were sent out to fetch Chung

Angow to the Station, but he was not at home. The next day Inspector Cradock proceeded with the approver, the Chinese Angow and the relatives of the deceased to the grave, and by consent of the husband, the grave was opened. A hole was found to have been made in the upper part of the lid of the coffin, measuring eight inches by four inches. It was large enough for a hand to be readily admitted into the coffin. The body did not appear to have been disturbed, but the ornaments were seemingly abstracted. The grave was then re-filled. Search was made in the pawnshops wherein the things were said to have been pledged. The bereaved husband identified them as being the ornaments on the body when it was buried. —Meantime the 1st defendant was arrested. The pawnbrokers were next examined, and one of them so far corroborated the approver's statement that he said he recognised him as the man who had pawned some of the ornaments with a pair of shoes which he claimed to be his own. —The husband stated that the grave in question was his wife's, who died in February last, and when she was buried the coffin was in proper order and perfectly intact. He identified the articles exhibited in Court. —The case was remanded till to-morrow. —The Police were ordered to dig up the grave and to bring away the lid of the coffin and to report the nature and extent of the robbery.

Japan.  
Gazette.

During the half gale which blew yesterday morning (March 18th) the schooner *Banner* dragged her anchor and went ashore on the beach near the French batobas. When the wind moderated she was got off and was found to have sustained no damage. A small steamer which came down from Tokio was also aground for a short time off the English batobas.

Apparently the government intends to bring more force to bear upon the insurrectionary armies, and to try the campaign value, more especially, of its newly organised cavalry. Many horse-boxes are being rapidly manufactured to government order in Tokio; and this would seem to indicate that additions are to be made to the cavalry already in the field.

## THE LAUNCH OF THE "AMAGI-KUWAN."

The third official launch of vessels built in the Yokosuka arsenal Japan, took place yesterday the 13th instant. Many persons, principally French residents, with however a considerable sprinkling of those of other nationalities, availed themselves of the opportunity of making the trip, afforded by the running of the Arsenal boats, as advertised, hence to Yokosuka. In the course of the morning the Messengers Maritimes launched, and some private launches, took down parties of visitors. So that, in spite of the inclemency of the early part of the day, and the absence of very great pomp and circumstance, the assembly of foreigners and of men were at work, and it appeared to the Sergeant that the force was connected with the work. The Sergeant then spoke to Mr. Baillie about this obstruction, but when he passed again later on, he observed the same obstruction with the exception that the forge was removed closer to the Praya wall. The next day, however, the cause of complaint was all removed—Mr. Baillie appeared to represent the defendant and stated that it was not at all the desire of those connected with the establishment to cause any obstruction. They had much work in hand about that time, and he could not recollect what particular work was going on which required the use of the forge on the day spoken of by the Sergeant. He would, however, readily admit that if such a thing had been done, it would have been very objectionable. The boilers had been so far removed that they would not project beyond the shear-legs, and as the whole establishment was to be removed to Belcher's Bay, the cause of obstruction complained of would be removed too.—The Magistrate thought the justice of the case would be met by a fine of \$5.

## COMMERCIAL.

The principal foreign employés of the Arsenal were entertained at an official tiffin by Mr. Terashima and General Nakamura, who then took a tour of inspection through the arsenal, and at 4 p.m. took their places on the stage whence the launch was to be witnessed. The part of the stage in question reserved for these officials was, as on previous occasions divided from the portion placed at the disposal of other visitors, by a slight partition of white wood. Shortly before the launch two foreigners were leaning against this partition, when the nails gave way, and the strangers were precipitated, rolling one over the other, into the reserved portion. They rose, apparently none the worse for the fall, and the broken partition was not replaced. On the arrival of the two principal spectators the band struck up an air, we think from one of Balfe's operas; the shores were knocked away, and the vessel lay supported by her cradle alone on the well-swept ways. Mr. Thibaudier, himself, through Mr. David, the foreman carpenter, directed proceedings. The last wedges were taken out, a little leverage was applied, and the vessel glided with increasing momentum into the water. So quiet was the motion that it was imperceptible on board, the persons standing on the deck only being aware of their change of position by the evidence of their eyesight. The engines and screw had already been placed in the boat on the ways. The speed she acquired took her, as had been anticipated, opposite the large cranes from which one of the two boilers destined for her was already slung. She was promptly hauled alongside the crane-jetty, and the boilers were hoisted into her, within an hour from the time of her touching the water. The launch was a complete success; and the workmanship of the vessel testifies to the care and thoroughness with which the work is done by the people of the arsenal, native and foreign.

The *Amagi* is a gun-boat, sister ship to the *Sei-ki*, launched, an above said, two years ago. She is, however, a trifle longer. Her dimensions, as furnished us in the dockyard are—Length ... mètres 91.80 = 291.06 feet. Beam ... 8.40 = 30.83 " Depth of Hold ... 5.00 = 16.40 " The length of the *Sei-ki* is 60 metres, the trifling increase indicated being given to the *Amagi* to provide increased boiler accommodation.

The *Amagi*'s engine has three cylinders each 8 feet in diameter, with surface condensers, and of 700 horse power indicated. The vessel's total displacement is 900 tons. The hull is composite, kiau and iron. Oak, at least Japanese oak, will probably never find favor with ship-builders. It does not, in point of durability, at all approach the oak of Northern Europe; but has many points of resemblance with the Italian trees of the same species. The armament of the new vessel will be the same as that of the *Sei-ki*; one large pivot gun of the Krupp type forward; and three ordinary guns aft. The large gun will, however, be mounted a little further aft than was the case with the *Sei-ki*, the difference being intended to bring the gun directly over, and so afford additional protection to the boiler.

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The Straits.  
(*Singapore Daily Times*.)

ACCORDING to our Australian Exchange by the *Bouver*, no decision has been come to in reference to the mail contract between the Queensland Government and the E. and A. Co. The Government refuse to increase the subsidy, and if the Company throw up the contract they may be found liable to a penalty not of £5,000 but £20,000. The steamer *Singapore* is a total wreck. The Sydney *Evening News* states that Messrs. Scott Henderson & Co have relinquished, and Messrs. Bright Brothers assumed, the Sydney Agency of the E. and A. Co.

"From Deli we have again received sorrowful intelligence by the last mail boat. Fully 1,200 Chinese coolies have deserted from the different plantations. A portion of these fellows have formed themselves into robber bands. On newly-established plantations work cannot be thoroughly done, and ruin will overtake them. It is only on long established estates where there is a nucleus of labour, and where coolies have been working for two or three or more years, and have hence remained true to their employers, that there is hope of a crop. Last year Deli produced 1,500 bales of tobacco. Should matters become worse, half of this will be lost. Already it is estimated that 6,000 bales will be received valued at £1,800,000 guineas. The resident, Mr. Looker de Bruyn, has arrived and does not seem to be wholly pleased with the measures of the late Assistant Resident. The planters have confidence in him."

"The difficulties of the moment are great. But everything will continue to stand on loose screws in case no efficient regulation of the relations between employers and coolies be called into being. When coolies deserted, the late Assistant Resident punished them with from six to twelve days' labour on the high roads, and gave them a certificate whereby they were discharged from all obligations. This punishment was ridiculous, and the fellows did no work and rambled about at Labuan. In the British colonies they would have been sentenced to three months' hard labour and would have been made to work under effective supervision. Every agreement ought to be duly registered when the coolies arrive at Deli. The planters no longer dare to inflict punishment on themselves, because any excuse is a good one for desertion. On the other hand the demands of the coolies are increasing. The state of matters is untenable. What is to be expected in the future? So far our information." —*Batavia Handelsblad*, 10th March.

## SUGAR PRODUCTION.

The following estimate of the Sugar production of the world was prepared by the Sugar Refiners' Committee at the request of the British Board of Trade:—

CANE SUGAR PRODUCTION—SHIPMENTS OF CROPS IN ROUND NUMBERS.

	Tons
Cuba	700,000
Porto Rico	80,000
Brit. Dutch & Danish West Indies	260,000
Java	200,000
Brazil	170,000
Manila	130,000
China	120,000
Mauritius	100,000
Martinique and Guadeloupe	100,000
Louisiana	75,000
Peru	50,000
Egypt	40,000
Central America and Mexico	40,000
Reunion	30,000
British India and Penang	30,000
Honolulu	10,000
Natal	10,000
Australia	5,000
Total	2,140,000

The above figures are merely given as approximate statistics on the world's production, the data being collected from various sources, both official and commercial. The British Trade Journal remarks on this subject:—

In the matter of production it has been thought better to give the average production of each country in round numbers, rather than the exact shipments of any particular year. As shipments are in most cases the only data to be obtained, it must be recollected that the figures given may be very far from representing the total production of the country. This is especially the case with China, India, Central America, Brazil and Peru. In one instance the reverse is the case—statistics are given of the Chinese crop, where the shipments from it are little or nothing. \* \* \* The China shipments have hitherto been mostly to Asiatic ports, and it is only at the present moment that considerable quantities are being diverted to other markets. Mexico, thanks to some new export bounty, has suddenly appeared as an important Sugar producing country.

BRITISH PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE OF RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

Attention has been drawn of late (says the *Broad Arrow*) by more than the London daily papers to the part enacted by young Englishmen in aiding Turkey at the outbreak of the last war with Russia, the deeds of Butler and Naesmyth being specially cited. It is curious to reflect, on the other hand, how prominent our countrymen have been in fighting for Russia in the Crimea and the Black Sea. Marshal Lacy, who led an Imperial Army, in 1736, over the peninsula across the Pribud Sea, was an Irishman, and died Governor-General of the Baltic Provinces at Riga. Colonel Brown, who was with Marshal Munch at the forcing of the lines at Peterop, was Irish also, and died General Count Brown at Riga. General Keith, second in command under Monck, was a Scotchman, and Generals Johnson and Leslie, who distinguished themselves in the Tartar wars, also hailed from north of the Tweed, and had left our country from political reasons, many officers who had been "out" in 1782 and '45 taking service in foreign armies after the collapse of the Jacobite rising. In the Russian war with Turkey, which broke out in 1788, the great naval victory of the Bay of Telemann was gained by the skill and intrepidity of the subordinate British officers. Elphinstone, Greig, and Drysdale, the two former afterwards attaining the highest ranks in the Royal Navy. The victory of Telemann was as fatal a blow to the Turkish Navy as the battle of Lepanto under Don Juan d'Austria, or that of Navarino under Sir Edward Codrington. The first person who is said to have made known the capacities of the port of Sebasteopol was the English Lady Craven, afterwards Mary Anne of Anstrach; and one of the early governors of the Crimea was an Englishman, General Michelson, who afterwards suppressed the rebellion of Pagetoff, and gave the territory thence of Gagra

Catherine. Priestman, an admiral in the Black Sea Fleet, was also an Englishman, and read the burial service at the grave of the philanthropist Howard; and a notable countryman of ours was Admiral Greig, who founded the Astronomical Observatory at Nicolsay, and was brother-in-law of Mrs. Somerville, the well-known authoress. In the present operations between Servia and Turkey, Colonel M'Ilvor, a Scottish soldier of fortune, has been until recently, in command of a brigade of Servian cavalry, and was personally decorated by Prince Milan for valour in the field. Colonel M'Ilvor is, we understand, at present on leave in this country.

pioul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per pioul, 32 lay days.

American 3-m. schooner *Panola*, 597, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per pioul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per pioul, 32 lay days.

British bark *Echo*, 369, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per pioul, (outside the Bar) 35 cents per pioul, 30 lay days.

British bark *Alice Mary*, 368, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 40 cents per pioul, 30 lay days.

Spanish steamer *Zamboanga*, 651, hence to Bangkok and back, \$6,750 in full, 10 lay days.

British steamer *Pernambuco*, 643, Saigon to Hongkong, 32½ cents per pioul, 7 lay days.

British steamer *Ocean*, 971, Saigon to Hongkong, 33 cents per pioul, 10 lay days.

British steamer *Chinkiang*, 708, Saigon to Hongkong, 32½ cents per pioul, 7 lay days.

British steamer *Gads Hill*, 1240, Saigon to Hongkong, 30 cents per pioul.

British steamer *Galaxy* of Lorne, 1898, hence to Cooktown and back via Saigon, private.

British steamer *Glenlyon*, 1373, Swatow to Singapore (Passengers), \$8½ per head, 10 lay days.

MRS. DEACON & CO.'S CANTON MARKET REPORT, dated Canton, 27th March, says:—

Our last report was dated 27th ultimo; the only transaction to record in old season's Canton since that date is the shipment on native account of 718 half-chests of Country tea per French mail of 22nd instant.

The following is the comparative Export from the Canton Waters for the past three seasons:—

SEASIDE 1876-77..... 18,516,896 lbs.

" 1875-76..... 19,555,454 "

" 1874-75..... 18,337,588 "

Of New Season's Congou about 8,000 boxes have been shipped from this and Macao; as, however, the larger portion of the shipments are "contract" tea, the market cannot be considered as generally opened; for the few elements of market tea are rigorously excluded from membership, but periodically a chosen few, who must be passed unanimously by both cats and kittens, and who, it is to be presumed, hence be therefore both eligible and nice, are given the right to *entre*. The favored youths pass by the name of pugs, and are privileged to wear the badge of membership—a silver ring. At all balls and gatherings, when the youth of both sexes meet for the purpose of dancing, it is incumbent on the pugs that they shall not engage themselves to dance with strange ladies till the programmes of the cats and kittens are full. Neither shall any cat or kitten decline to engage herself to any pug for any dance that she has not promised. These, we are informed, are the leading principles of the club, the name of which is appropriately enough "the Kit-cat Club." The press we think ought to be admitted to these little gatherings, but they might be more free perhaps than welcome.

OUR FAIR VICTORIAN NEIGHBOURS seem to have queer notions about things in general, and some in particular, not the least singular of which is the establishment of a Ladies' Club, the married members, of whom a certain number are admitted (says the *Leader*) for the sake of playing propriety, are called cats, while the unmarried are known to each other by the name of kittens. Gentlemen are rigorously excluded from membership, but periodically a chosen few, who must be passed unanimously by both cats and kittens, and who, it is to be presumed, hence be therefore both eligible and nice, are given the right to *entre*. The favored youths pass

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